discontinued in Uttar Pradesh during the last 3 years is follows:—

1985-86	——	23
1986-87	——	19
1987-88	——	5

(b) These post offices were discontinued on account of one or more of the following reasons:

(i) Loss in excess of the permissible limit;

(ii) Insufficient workload.

(iii) Location within a short distance of another post office.

(c) and (d) No person has been rendered jobless as alternative appointments have been found in all cases.

Supply of LPG for curing Tobacco

1442. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply Liquified Petroleum Gas through a pipeline to the Tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh for curing their produce; and

(b) whether Government feel that it will be more economical and will save fire wood and coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir;

(b) No study in this regard has conducted.

Delivery of Telegrams in A. P.

1443. DR. YELAMANCHLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 1/5th of the telegrams in Andhra Pradesh are delivered by post; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. A small proportion of about 1/500th of the telegrams handled, was sent by post in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88. (32,597 telegrams posted out of total 1,74,42,348 handled).

(b) Telegrams are despatched by post under unavoidable circumstances due to the following reasons beyond our control;

(1) Power cuts of long duration.

(2) Interruptions on long open wire lines in hilly terrains and jungle areas due to floods/rains; and

(3) The effect of General Bandhs and strikes on staff attendance.

Power Generating Capacity in the Country

1444. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is present generating capacity of power plants in the country;